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Title: REINFORCEMENT FOR A HOSE COUPLING

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To highlight the distinctions of the subject matter of above referenced invention as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 5, 2000, Paper No. 3, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add independent Claims 11 and 12 as follows:.

- 1 *Sub 12* 11. (New) A reinforced hose coupling comprising:  
2 a hose having an outer diameter and an inner diameter;  
3 an outer sleeve having an inner diameter circumscribing said  
4 outer diameter of said hose, said outer sleeve further having a plurality of depressions  
5 therein, said plurality of depressions interlocking with said hose to resist axial  
6 movement of said hose relative to said outer sleeve;  
7 an inner sleeve having an inner diameter and an outer diameter,  
8 said inner sleeve being adapted to be inserted into said inner diameter of said hose,